

SENATE RESOLUTION 143
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Troy Doneski, a long-time employee of Pease Furniture and Appliance Company in Knoxville on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, exemplary individuals who work hard and demonstrate exceptional diligence, dedication, and competence are a credit both to their respective businesses and to the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Troy Doneski, who recently retired from the Pease Furniture and Appliance Company in Knoxville, is clearly one such outstanding person; and

WHEREAS, an article in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* about his retirement was appropriately entitled "South Knox Legend Retires"; and

WHEREAS, in an age when employees change jobs frequently, showing little or no loyalty, Mr. Doneski is indeed a "legend", who has worked at the same place of business since he was 17 years old; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy and meritorious tenure at Pease is truly a sign of the most rare loyalty; and

WHEREAS, Troy is considered a member of the Pease family, rather than an employee; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished service with Pease began when he happened to walked by the store one day and Joe Pease hired him; and

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WHEREAS, when he started working there, Pease and Company was a neighborhood grocery store, which has now, with his valuable assistance, grown and prospered into a larger enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Troy has delivered more than 1 million pounds of furniture and appliances during his admirable working career; and

WHEREAS, during his 53 commendable years as an employee of the company, he missed only five days of work; and

WHEREAS, Troy is known, respected and trusted by everyone in his South Knoxville delivery area; his customers would often leave him the key to their homes, so that he could make deliveries in their absence; and

WHEREAS, his cheerful disposition, friendly smile and dry sense of humor were an important part of Pease Furniture and Appliance Company; and

WHEREAS, his retirement will give him more time to pursue his hobbies, which include hunting and fishing, mainly in East Tennessee, and comes just in time for planting his vegetable garden; and

WHEREAS, he will also be able to spend more time with his family, particularly his two sisters, Phyllis Thomas of Knoxville and Dorothy Hacker of Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, dedicated and diligent employees such as Troy Doneski are truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Troy Doneski and wish him a happy and successful retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.